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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing James LaMarca for being the only teacher in Indiana to receive the prestigious Siemens Award for Advanced Placement in 2009.

Whereas, James LaMarca is one of fifty teachers across the country to receive the prestigious Siemens Award for Advanced Placement in 2009:

Whereas, Teachers with a minimum of five years teaching experience in math, science, or technology advanced placement (AP) courses are recognized for their exemplary teaching and enthusiastic dedication to students and the AP Program;

Whereas, Mr. LaMarca teaches math at Bishop Dwenger High School in Ft. Wayne, where he has been employed since 1998. He was invited by the College Board and Siemens Foundation to apply for the award based on excellence and success of his AP students;

Whereas, Mr. LaMarca's students have an eighty-five percent pass rate on the AP exam, and sixty-three percent of those who pass achieve scores of four to five on a five point scale;



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Whereas, In addition to facilitating an outstanding passage rate, Mr. LaMarca continues to push his students towards higher education. The number of students taking the AP math exam at Bishop Dwenger has doubled in the last couple years;

Whereas, Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, James came to Indiana for his undergraduate work. He received his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University in 1971. His graduate work was completed in 1981 from Pepperdine University in California. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Management;

Whereas, Before entering the teaching profession, James served in the United States Air Force flying F4 Phantoms. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993; and

Whereas, Education of Hoosier children is one of our top responsibilities. After dedicating himself to serving and protecting our country, James LaMarca turned his attention towards protecting and preparing young people so that they will grow to be productive citizens and in turn dedicate their time to preserving the future of our nation: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby congratulates James LaMarca for being distinguished by the College Board and Siemens Foundation as an excellent Advanced Placement teacher in the area of Math.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to James LaMarca and his wife Mary, Bishop Dwenger High School Principal Fred Tone, and Bishop John Michael D'Arcy from the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend.



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